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MISSOULA--

Bob Lowry, head football coach at Glendive (Montana) High School, has been named to the grid staff at the University of Montana.

Lowry has been coaching football at the prep level since 1964, when he coached Plentywood High (MT) to a 7-1 record. He has coached 14 of the last 15 seasons, and has an overall record of 77-42-2.

His Glendive teams have won back-to-back state (Class A) championships the last two years, and was 10-0 in 1979 and 9-0 the previous year. Lowry was picked to coach the Shrine team this year, and was defensive coordinator last season in a 21-0 victory. Glendive's state title in 1978 was the school's first in 17 years.

Montana head coach Gene Carlson said Lowry will be assistant offensive and defensive line coach, with his primary duties on offense. Carlson also said he was happy to have Lowry as a member of his staff.

"I am extremely pleased to have Bob Lowry join our staff," Carlson said. "He has a reputation for being a coaches' coach and a teacher's teacher. His reputation as a successful coach is well-established in the state of Montana. His background and expertise is outstanding and will be effectively utilized in the University of Montana football program."

Lowry, a 1964 graduate of Montana State, is from Wolf Point, Montana. At Wolf Point High he was a four-year letterman in football and basketball and three years in track. He participated in the Shrine game, where he was named to top defensive player, and also played in the North-South Basketball game and was the MVP.

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A knee injury ended his collegiate grid career at Stanford University, where he played running back and linebacker. He then transferred to MSU.

Lowry, 39, has turned down other opportunities to coach at the university level, and said the move to take the UM position, "is career-wise a good place to go."

"I'm really excited about joining the University of Montana football program," Lowry said. "I think the program is up and coming, and that Gene and his staff have done a great job in turning things around in a positive manner. I have a tremendous amount of respect for Gene Carlson as a man and a coach."

Lowry coached four seasons at Plentywood High, from 1964-68, where his teams went 25-6-1; at Great Falls Central from 1968-71; at Plentywood again from 1971 to 1976 and then Glendive.

"Bob Lowry is the dean of football coaches in Eastern Montana, having won State championships back-to-back at Glendive," said UM Athletic Director Harley Lewis. "He has had 15 years of coaching success in football. We are very pleased to have a coach of Bob's caliber join our staff. We also think he will be a strong recruiter for us with his numerous contacts throughout the Northwest."

Lowry and his wife, Sharon, have three children, twins Bob and Genie, both 11, and a 10-year-old son, Mike.

He will begin his duties as a Grizzly coach immediately. Spring football practice starts next Monday, April 30th.

Lowry's salary is \$16,500.

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